

**Section 1:** That Article III, Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta be amended so as to create a new subsection to be entitled **Notification of Vacant Buildings**, which shall read as follows:

**"Sec. 78-68 Notification of Vacant Buildings**

**Definitions:**

**Vacancy**, as used in this section, shall be rebuttably presumed to occur in any structure or building when such structure or building has no visible signs of human habitation, as opposed to occasional human use by non-owners and/or non-tenants, for a period of 15 continuous calendar days;

This definition of vacancy shall not preclude any judge from finding that any such building or structure is vacant under any other legally acceptable concept of vacancy.

Upon a building that has previously been used for commercial or industrial purposes becoming vacant, the owner shall notify the Fire Chief of the City.

The Fire Chief shall cause to be developed and maintained, a computerized log, by Fire Battallion, of all abandoned buildings (commercial and industrial), their last known use, current contents, floor plan and any unique features, including, but not limited to, holes in the floor or roof, unsafe stairways, and/or weakened structures

**Section 2:** That the Fire Department notify owners of all buildings whose primary use is commercial or industrial of this requirement.

**Section 3:** Failure to comply with this section shall result in a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars.

**Section 4:** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed

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AN ORDINANCE

Councilmember C. T. Martin

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 78, Article III, Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Standards of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta by adding a new subsection so as to require that owners of abandoned commercial or industrial buildings submit certain information to the Fire Department, upon abandonment; to require the Fire Department to keep a log of such buildings, along with their contents, previous use, and floor plan; and for other purposes

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MAYOR'S ACTION